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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (TEXT PARA. 1.)

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SREF UNHCR VS HK UK

SUBJ: UNHCR SAIGON-HONG KONG FLIGHTS

1. UNHCR CHARTERED ROYAL AIR LAO JET ARRIVED IN HONG KONG FROM SAIGON EVENING AUGUST 26 WITH NO REFUGEES. ALEXANDRE CASELLA OF UNHCR, WHO RODE THE FLIGHT FROM VIENTIANE, MADE A PUBLIC STATEMENT TO THE EFFECT THAT UPON THE PLANE'S ARRIVAL IN SAIGON THERE WERE NO PASSENGERS AND NO EXPLANATION WAS PROVIDED BY THE PRG. CONGEN OFFICERS AT THE AIRPORT WERE UNABLE TO DISCUSS THE MATTER WITH CASELLA, WHO DEPARTED THE MORNING OF AUG. 27 TO RETURN TO SAIGON. THE AIRCRAFT IS SCHEDULED TO MAKE FIVE TRIPS BETWEEN SAIGON AND HONG KONG SHUTTling SOME 25 TONS OF UNHCR MEDICINE INTO SAIGON. CONGEN OFFICER EXPECTS TO DISCUSS REFUGEE DEPARTURE PROBLEM WITH CASELLA WHEN HE RETURNS THIS EVENING (AUG 27).

2. HONG KONG GOVERNMENT IS CONSIDERING SENDING VIETNAMESE  
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REFUGEES WHO WISH TO RETURN TO VIET-NAM BACK HOME WHILE

PRG DELEGATION IS STILL IN HONG KONG FORMER  
PROPERTY OF GVN. PRG DEL IS EXPECTED TO DEPART ABOUT  
SEPT. 2. HKG IS GIVING SOME THOUGHT TO PLACING RETURNEES  
ON A VIETNAMESE FREIGHTER WHICH CALLS AT HONG KONG. AS  
A BACKUP POSSIBILITY, HKG IS CONSIDERING USING THE UNHCR  
FLIGHTS. THIS ACTION MIGHT WELL BE TAKEN UNILATERALLY AND  
HKG HAS SO ADVISED UNHCR REP HERE, WHO IS HIGHLY AGITATED  
OVER POSSIBILITY.

3. COMMENT: AT THIS TIME IT SEEMS LIKELY THAT THE HKG  
WILL USE THE SHIP OPTION. WE HAVE ADVISED HKG AGAINST USING  
THE UNHCR FLIGHTS "UNILATERALLY" SINCE THIS MIGHT WELL EN-  
DANGER UNHCR VIETNAMESE REFUGEE OPERATIONS IN GENERAL. IN  
ANY EVENT THE PRG CAN BE EXPECTED TO REACT STRONGLY WHEN AND  
IF THE HKG ATTEMPTS TO FORCE THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE RETURNEES.  
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